

# TASK FORCE SMITH

## SCENARIO ASL TAC 50

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**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** North Korea wins at game end if they control 20 of the 30 hexes Level 3.

### Near OSAN, SOUTH KOREA, 5 July 1950:

On 25 June 1950, Communist North Korea invaded its southern neighbor. Nothing seemed to stop the North Korean popular army, equipped by USSR and well led by numerous veterans of the WWII fights against the Japanese. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, The Americans decided to send some troops and McArthur packed the Japan-based 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to South Korea. A preliminary detachment was assigned to slow the North Korean advance and to show US determination. Led by Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, this task force was composed of two depleted companies supported with some heavy mortars and recoilless guns. Some of the troops and officers had participated in WWII combat. The Task force arrived in Pusan on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The refugee columns and the monsoon's heavy rains hampered his progression to the front line. One artillery battery joined them on the 4<sup>th</sup>. On the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup>, an armored column coming from the north appeared... It was made up of 33 T34s that crossed the Americans positions without damage despite the defenders heavy fire. American losses were light and the situation became quiet again around 0900. One hour later, a new column appeared in the rain; 3 T34s, then trucks and infantrymen in a several kilometer wide column. This was the first fight of the cold war.

### BOARD PLACEMENT:

18
15

### BALANCE:

- ★ Add a Leader 8-1 to the North Korean group that enters on turn 1.
- ☆ Replace an 8-0 Leader with a 8-1 Leader in the American OB



☆ AMERICAN moves first













★ NORTH KOREAN sets up first

★ 1	2	3	★ 4	5	★ 6	7	8	9
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### B & C Companies, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment [ELR:3]


















set up on board 15 (see SSR3) {SAN:4}:

 6-2-6 4	 5-2-6 16	 9-1 2	 8-0 2	 7-0 2	 HMG 3 8-16 2	 HMG 2 4-10 3	 BAZAS 4 8-4 4	 MTR 3 60-45 2	 RCL 1 75 2	 Radio 8 8
 MTR 10 107 2										



### Elements of 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments, 4<sup>th</sup> Division and of 107<sup>th</sup> Tank Regiment [ELR:4]

enter on Turn 1 along the north edge (see SSR 4) {SAN:2/4 (see SSR5)}:

 6-2-8 5	 4-5-8 10	 8-1 2	 8-1 2	 8-0 2	 HMG 3 8-12 2	 LMG 1 2-8 5	 MTR 2 10-10 2	 16 11 6 85L 2/4 3
enter on Turn 4 on/between 15GG4 and 15GG7:				enter on Turn 6 on/between 15A4 and 15A7:				
 6-2-8 3	 4-5-8 3	 8-1 2	 LMG 1 2-8 2	 6-2-8 3	 4-5-8 3	 8-1 2	 LMG 1 2-8 2	

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### SSR:

- EC are wet with no wind at start, the weather is Overcast with Heavy Rain (E3.51). The Rain can never stop: on a Wind Change DR of 3, the rain intensity stays or becomes normal. Kindling is NA. No build-ings or Gully or Bridges exist. The only existing road is the 18Q10-18Q6-15R9-15Y1 Road.
- The Americans receive a 100+mm OBAmodule (HE only) with Scarce Ammunition.
- The 75\* RCL can be used by Squads/HS without Non-Qualified Use penalties. All American units (EXC: 107 MTRs) may setup in foxholes of appropriate size. The American player must set up 8 squad equivalents on/west of hexrow V and 8 Squad equivalents on/east of hexrow S.
- The North Koreans are considered Russians only for HOB DRMs (i.e.: Human Wave and deployment are not allowed). The 4-5-8 squads have Assault Fire and Spray Fire capabilities. The 60mm dm MTR is a Chinese MTR. The North Koreans may use all Russian SWs, Chinese SWs and American 60mm MTR (M2) without Captured Use penalties.
- The North-Korean SAN is increased from 2 to 4 as soon one North Korean MMC enters the playing area on Turn 4.
- Place 3 T34 Wrecks in the following hexes: 15S7, 15T4 and 15V2. The North Korean player then deter-mines with random selection which one is burning (a tie may result in more than one burning).

**AFTERMATH:** MTRs and Heavy MG fire stopped the column 900 meters before the American positions. The North Koreans then deployed and the T34s opened fire. All frontal assaults where broken by the GI's firepower. But around 1230, a flanking move threatened the left wing of the Task Force, and Smith regrouped his troops east of the road. Then the Americans where also engaged on their right wing. After two hours of fighting, without contact with the artillery and close to being encircled, Smith ordered a withdrawal. The heavy weapons Guns and wounded had to be abandoned. Mass confusion developed and many Americans where killed or captured, but the North Koreans were content with seizing the position and did not pursue the GIs. In a half-day of fighting, Task Force Smith lost a third of its initial effective-ness (540 men at start). The next day, the UN installed Douglas McArthur as the UN troop commander in Korea.